

OLD OAKEN BUCKET POND (Scituate)

General Information:

This is an infertile, 12-acre warm water pond located at the junction of Route 3 A and Route 123. It is an impoundment of Herring Brook. The water is brown in color with a transparency of only one foot. Average depth is four feet and maximum depth is only six feet. The half-mile of shoreline is very lightly developed. The bottom is mud and aquatic vegetation is abundant, covering a little less than half of the surface area in summer.

Water rights to this pond are owned by the Scituate Water Department. Access is informal, limited to car top boats and canoes, and parking is roadside.

Fish Populations:

The fish population was last sampled in June of 1981. At that time, only four species were observed: pumpkinseed, bluegill, black crappie and American eel.

Fishing:

This small pond is best suited to panfishing and is a good place to bring youngsters on a first fishing expedition. At the time of the last survey, pumpkinseed sunfish dominated the fish populations. Chain pickerel are probably present in this water, although none turned up in the sample. Black crappie (calicos) ranged in size from seven to nine inches and was abundant enough to provide some good action.

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